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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Maher M. Haddad

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

2. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in response to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Groups

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| 1-19 | Claims 1-2 and 15, drawn to a purified polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NOs: 1-19, respectively, fragments thereof. |
| 20-38 | Claims 3-6 and 9-14, drawn to an isolated and purified nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 20-38, respectively encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1-19; vectors, host cells, and methods of producing the polypeptide. |
| 39-58 | Claims 7-8, drawn to a method of detecting a polynucleotide comprising hybridizing the polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1-19 respectively. |
| 59-78 | Claim 16, drawn to an antibody which specifically binds to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1-19. |
| 79-98 | Claim 17, drawn to a purified agonist of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1-19. |
| 99-118 | Claim 18, drawn to a purified antagonist of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:20-38. |
| 119-138 | Claim 19, drawn to a method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of IGFAM comprising administering a pharmaceutical composition of comprising the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1-19, Respectively. |
| 139-158 | Claim 20, drawn to a method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of IGFAM comprising administering a purified antagonist of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1-19, respectively. |

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5. The inventions listed as Groups 1-158 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The invention of Group 20 was found to have no special technical feature that defined the contribution over the prior art of Paterson *et al* (GenBank Accession No. Y14736) (see sequence alignment).

Paterson *et al* teaches a polynucleotide having 95% sequence identity to the polynucleotide of SEQ IDNO: 20 as claimed in instant claim 10 (see sequence alignment in particular).

Since Applicant's inventions do not contribute a special technical feature when viewed over the prior art they do not have a single general inventive concept and so lack unity of invention.

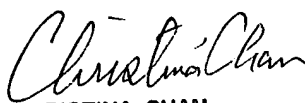
6. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

7. A telephone call was made to Diana Hamlet-Cox on 5/7/03 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made. A written restriction was requested.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maher Haddad whose telephone number is (703) 306-3472. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (703) 308-3973. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technology Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center telephone number is (703) 305-3014.

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